



# RECYCLING

## in Indian River County

Let's work together to reach 75% by 2020!

### Recycle These in the Blue Cart:



Glass Bottles  
and Jars



Office Paper/  
Newspaper/  
Magazines



Cardboard



Aluminum/Tin/  
Steel Cans



Plastics  
#1-7



NEVER Put These in the Blue Cart	Why Item Should Never Be Placed in the Blue Recycling Cart	What to Do With it
 NO Plastic Bags, Hoses or Cords	Plastic bags, hoses, cords and plastic films get wrapped around the gears at the sorting facility. 	Return plastic grocery bags to a local store. <b>DO NOT</b> <u>Bag Your Recyclables!</u> Place hoses, cords, and plastic films in the garbage. 
 NO Heavy Metals	Dense or heavy metals can damage the machinery at the sorting facility.	Residents may bring heavy metals and more to be recycled at the Landfill or one of the 5 Customer Convenience Centers.
 NO Shredded Paper or Loose Bottle Caps	Items smaller than 2" in size do not sort properly and often fall into the wrong container. This is called contamination.	Place shredded paper and loose bottle caps in the garbage.  (Some local stores will recycle shredded paper for a fee.)

Great news! The sorting facility for Indian River County has just announced that bottle caps may be recycled if they are securely fastened to the bottle.

Indian River County is striving to reach Florida's statewide goal of recycling 75% of our waste by the year 2020. The numbers for 2017 have arrived...

**The recycling rate for  
Indian River County  
has increased to 64%!**

For more information, call the Solid Waste Disposal District at 770-5112 or visit [www.ircrecycles.com](http://www.ircrecycles.com)

 **ROLL** With Us...**RECYCLE!**



# Frequently Asked Questions About Recycling and Proper Disposal



## **Q) Why should I recycle?**

A) There are many reasons to recycle! Recycling saves energy, it preserves our natural resources, it saves landfill space and it is a great way to keep the earth clean and green for future generations. Currently, Indian River County is recycling 64% of our waste, but we are striving to achieve the State of Florida goal of 75% recycling by the year 2020. Let's work together to reach 75% by 2020!

## **Q) How do I dispose of batteries?**

A) According to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, single-use alkaline batteries such as 9 volt, C, D, AA, and AAA (often called 'flashlight batteries') are now safe to dispose of with your regular trash. The use of mercury in alkaline batteries was discontinued in the 1990s and nearly all of the old mercury alkaline batteries have been disposed of. Rechargeable batteries, cell phone batteries, button batteries and other hazardous household batteries may be safely recycled at the Main County Landfill or one of the 5 Customer Convenience Centers (see [ircrecycles.com](http://ircrecycles.com) for locations). Batteries should NEVER be placed in your blue recycling cart.

## **Q) How do I dispose of light bulbs?**

A) Fluorescent light bulbs and LED lights are considered household hazardous waste and should be brought to the Main County Landfill or one of the 5 Customer Convenience Centers. Incandescent and halogen light bulbs are safe to dispose of with your regular trash. Light bulbs should NEVER be placed in your blue recycling cart.

## **Q) Can I recycle broken coffee mugs or dinner plates in the blue cart?**

A) Coffee mugs and plates are ceramic, which is not recyclable in the blue cart. Broken coffee mugs, dinner plates, bowls and other ceramic dinnerware should be disposed with your regular trash.

## **Q) Whom do I contact about missed recycling pickups or damaged/missing recycling carts?**

A) With the exception of the Town of Indian River Shores, Waste Management is the franchise hauler for residential recycling services in Indian River County. Questions regarding missed recycling pickups and cart replacement should be directed to the Waste Management's call center at 772-569-1776. Residents of Indian River Shores may contact their contracted recycling hauler, Republic Services with questions regarding recycling pickup at 772-562-6620. Please note that the blue carts are not available in Indian River Shores.

## **Q) Can I request a different size recycling cart?**

A) Yes. The blue recycling carts are available in three sizes: 35 gallon, 64 gallon, and 96 gallon. Initially, residents were given the standard 64-gallon size. Residents are welcome to downsize to the 35-gallon cart or upsize to the large 96-gallon recycling cart depending on their needs. The first cart exchange for a residence is free; however, additional exchanges will cost \$30 per cart per exchange. To exchange your cart for a different size, please contact Waste Management at 772-569-1776.



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